

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/536,775

Examiner: Christopher S. Bobish

Applicant: Nigel Paul Schofield

Art Unit: 3746

Title: VACUUM PUMPING SYSTEM AND
METHOD OF OPERATING A VACUUM
PUMPING ARRANGEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademark
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RCE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 27, 2009, for which one month of extension is requested, in support of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR §1.114. Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Applicant respectfully requests for reconsideration of the application based on the amendments and remarks provided.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Amendment